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SUBJ: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF KARIUKI
MURDER

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1. STUDENT RIOTING IN NAIROBI MARKED MARCH 2 ECON
ANNIVERSARY OF MURDER OF POPULAR PARLIAMENTARY CRITIC
J. M. KARIUKI. ACCORDING PRESS, ROCK-THROWING STUDENTS
FROM UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI REPORTEDLY WERE CHASED
THROUGH DOWNTOWN AREA BY RIOT POLICE WIELDING GUNS, CLUBS,
AND TEAR GAS, WHO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FIRED INTO AIR
AND USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE GROUPS OF STUDENTS. THREE
STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED.

2. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SOMEWHAT
EXAGGERATED, PROBABLY BECAUSE TWO REPORTERS FROM NAIROBI
STANDARD AND DAILY NATION WERE ASSAULTED BY POLICE, THEIR
CAMERAS AND FILM CONFISCATED. ALTHOUGH STANDARD
STATED THAT POLICE CLEARED MAIN CAMPUS OF STUDENTS,
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EMBOFF VISITING UNIVERSITY AT 11 A.M. LOCAL TIME,
BESIDES SEEING NO EVIDENCE OF DISTURBANCES, WITNESSED
STUDENTS STROLLING THROUGH UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, AS WELL
AS TALKING TO FELLOW STUDENTS ON LAWNS. EMBOFFS
DRIVING HOME BETWEEN 5 AND 6 P.M. LOCAL TIME REPORTED
AREA WAS CALM AND QUIET.

3. IN ANY CASE, THIS YEAR'S STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS
OVER KARIUKI'S MURDER WERE DECIDEDLY MORE LOW-KEY AND
LESS SERIOUS THAN MARCH 1976 DISTURBANCES (SEE REFTEL).
THERE WAS NO MEMORIAL SERVICE THIS YEAR TO COMMEMORATE
ANNIVERSARY, WHICH DEPRIVED STUDENTS OF FOCAL POINT
FOR DEMONSTRATIONS.
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